All India Ayurveda Institute in Himachal Pradesh

1610. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to set up an All India Ayurveda Institute at Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that follow up action on the proposal has slowed down, and if so, the reasons for the slow down; and

(d) by when the Institute is likely to be set up finally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Advertisement on Iodized salt

1611. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is promoting the use of iodized salt for removing deficiency of iodine;

(b) whether publicity material has been prepared by Government for it and it is being exhibited through various publicity channels; and

(c) if so, the names of experts/agencies whose assistance have been taken for preparation of these publicity materials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Under the National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP), the Government is promoting the use of iodated salt for prevention and control iodine deficiency disorders. Various prototypes publicity materials in form of posters, & pamphlets were prepared by different agencies and distributed to all States/UTs. Besides printing materials, extensive Information Education Communication (IEC) activities are being conducted through Doordarshan, All India Radio, Directorate of Field Publicity, Song & Drama Division, Directorate of Advertisement & Visual Publicity, State health Directorates etc.

Corruption checking measures

1612. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced its intention to re-examine all ongoing and future projects to ensure that they incorporate the lessons from a Detailed Implementation Review (DIR), which is an instrument used by the World Bank to help to assess the risk of fraud and corruption;